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Fun Facts

- The United States does not have an official language.
- The White House was named one hundred years after it was built.
- Wyoming is the state with the fewest people. California has the most people.

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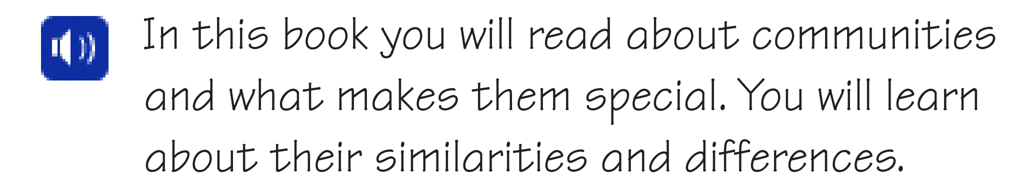


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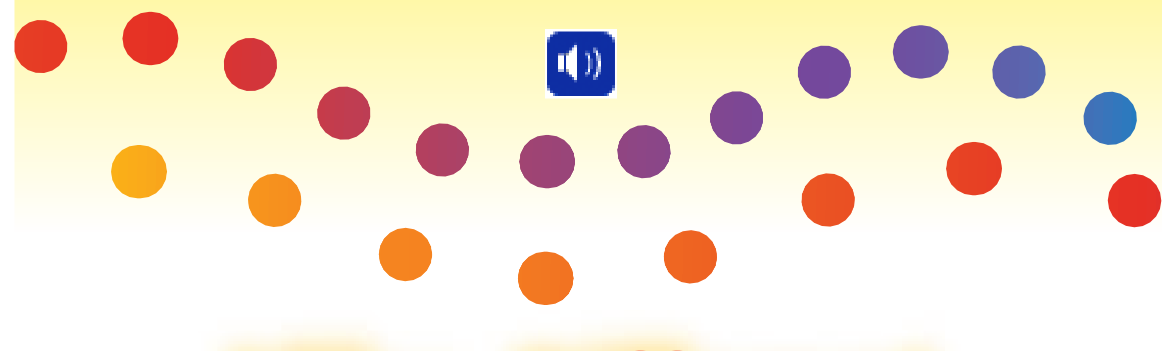
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A community is where you live. It has schools, shops, and houses. People in a community work together to make it a nice place to live.



People from many different countries live in the United States. People who move to a new country are called **immigrants**. Some of us have grandparents or **ancestors** who came here long ago. Others have just arrived in the United States.



Because we come from many places, we may have different **cultures** in our community. A person's culture shapes his or her beliefs and **traditions**.

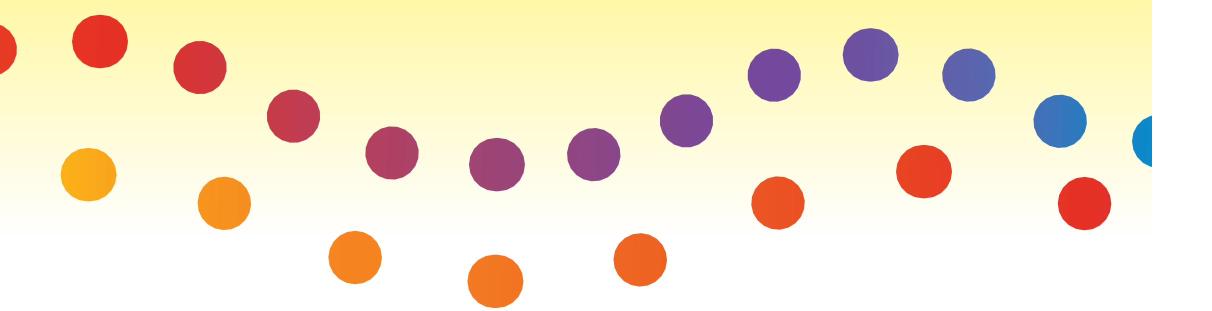


In our community, people may use many languages. You may see words in these languages on signs. The words may look or sound different to you, but in some ways these languages are all alike.



There may be many different kinds of food in our community. One family may eat pasta while another family may eat sushi. It is fun to try foods from many different places.

In our community we are alike and different in many ways. Our differences make us special. Together we are a community.



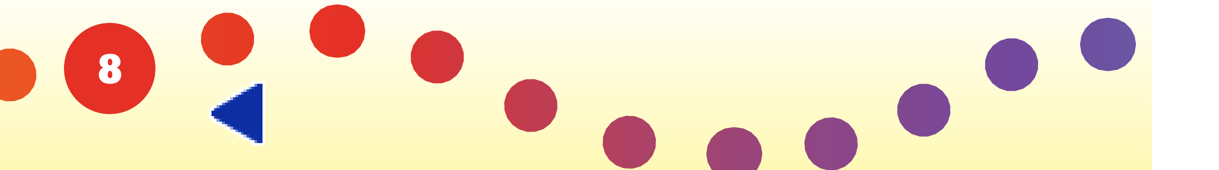
Glossary

ancestor a member of your family who lived in the past

culture the way a group of people live

immigrant a person who enters another country to live there

tradition a special way that a group does something



Write to It!

Think about your community. Are there different foods where you live? Write two or three sentences about your ideas.

Write your sentences on another sheet of paper.

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